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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management, Mount Lewis Field Office, has published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) associated with Nevada Gold Mines, LLC proposal to expand its existing open pits and underground gold mine operations at the Cortez Hills Project. The proposed expansion, known as the Deep South Expansion Project, is located 32 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, in Lander and Eureka counties, Nevada.

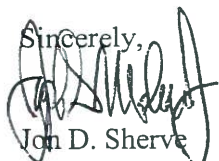
The proposal includes increasing the existing approved plan boundary by 4,279 acres—from 58,093 acres to 62,372 acres. The Project would consist of new and expanded facilities on BLM-administered lands and private lands. When developed, there would be an increase of approximately 3,800 acres of mining-related surface disturbance within the expanded Project Area, of which 73 percent would be on BLM-administered lands. The Project will include: expansion of open pits, underground mine facilities and waste rock facilities; construction and expansion of water management facilities; and construction and operation of additional ancillary facilities.

Three public scoping meetings were held in April of 2017 at the following locations: Battle Mountain, Crescent Valley and Elko, Nevada. Six comment submittals were received during the public scoping process and responses to the comments have been incorporated into the FEIS.

The FEIS and other relevant documents have been made available for review at <https://go.usa.gov/xP9wk>. This publication in the Federal Register starts a 30-day waiting period that will end on August 25, 2019.

For any questions or concerns regarding the EIS, please contact Kevin Hurrell, BLM Project Manager, at (775) 635-4000.

Sincerely,

For   
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